Periodicals = Journals, Trade Publication, Magazines, Newspapers

Journals (peer reviewed/scholarly)
Literature Review or Research Study - articles in peer reviewed/scholarly journals written by experts in the field for researchers and students

What is a Literature Review Article?
- Evaluate (analyzes, describes, interprets, emphasize, support or refute) and shows relationship of specific topics in past research studies
- Includes in-text citations and Reference page (Bibliography, Work Cited)
- Part of a Research Article (below)

What is a Research Article?
- Includes a rationale via a Literature Review (above) - for a hypothesis or for the research study that is being conducted
- Research Studies conducted by observations, experiments, and case studies which includes evidence
- Describes the participant, design, method and uses data
- Discussion or evaluation of the actual Research Study
- Offers recommendation or implementation

What are some Other Types of Journal Articles in Journals?
- Commentary, theoretical or offers best practices
- Includes only analysis of an industry (includes applications and developments with very minimal references)
- Use colorful photos and graphic

Trade Publications:
- Their aim is to market to specific industry.
- Often includes advertisements and job notices for a particular industry

Magazines:
- Articles that are news, general topics, and public interest often written by reporters, freelancers (sometimes anonymous) and are reviewed by the editorial staff
- Quality of language is conversational
- Few or no bibliographic references

Newspapers: New York Times, Newsday, USA Today

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